



OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Agency Information Collection Request: FEHB Protection Act Portal, OMB Control Number (3206-NEW)

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: 60-day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a new information collection request (ICR): FEHB Protection Act Portal (FPA Portal).

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1).

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the Federal Rulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing at <https://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Linehan, 202-936-1006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended, OPM is soliciting comments for a new collection of information. OPM is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Suggests ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
and
4. Suggest ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Background

The FPA Portal is an enrollee notification and eligibility verification system that will support the OPM requirement under the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Protection Act of 2025 (Sec. 90101, Pub. L. 119-21, 139 Stat. 362) to conduct a comprehensive audit regarding family members who are covered in the FEHB Program. It will provide a secure and consistent process to ensure that only eligible individuals are enrolled in the FEHB Program. This will strengthen enrollment integrity and ensure ineligible family members are not participating in the FEHB Program. The FPA Portal will involve enrollees whose family member's eligibility has not yet been verified, OPM personnel, and a contracted vendor. Employing agencies, payroll offices, and participating health insurance carriers will be incorporated in subsequent phases. Enrollees whose family member's eligibility has not been verified will receive FPA Portal generated emails and mailed notices. These notices will direct enrollees to securely sign in to the FPA Portal enabling them to provide documentation to allow verification of the eligibility of their family members. The FPA Portal will send status updates and reminders when a response or additional action is required. The enrollee will use online forms and document-upload features within the FPA Portal to enter requested information and submit supporting eligibility documents. The documents required depend on the family member's relationship to the enrollee and include records used to establish a spouse's or child's eligibility. The list of these records can be found in the FEHB Handbook at <https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/healthcare/reference-materials/reference/family-members/>. The FPA Portal will use

automated document-verification capabilities to review the submitted information and documentation and determine whether the submission is sufficient to support an eligibility decision. If a case cannot be resolved through the automated review process, it will be referred to the contracted vendor and OPM. The results of that review will be returned to the FPA Portal for continued processing.

Analysis:

Agency: Office of Personnel Management.

Title: FEHB Protection Act Portal

OMB Number: 3206- NEW.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Eligible individuals or household members

Number of Respondents: ~2.7 million

Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 minutes

Total Burden Hours: 1.4 million hours

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